

Message: What are We Wrestling With?

Scripture: Habakkuk 1: 1-11

Preaching: Pastor Shawn Gerbers

Sermon Notes

Welcome

Welcome to First CRC. We are so glad you're here!

If you have children 3 months through 3 years old, you can safely entrust them to our nursery workers, who will care for them during the service. The nursery is located just below the Sanctuary and can be accessed by going down the stairs near the back entrance.

Restrooms are located just below the Sanctuary and can be accessed by going down the stairs near the back entrance.

After the service, please join us for refreshments which are located in the room just off the Sanctuary.

Offerings

Building Fund: Monies for future improvements and repairs to the church and Bridge facilities.

Special Collection—Chinese Language Congregation: Monies to support the Chinese Language Congregation led by 2 Calvin Seminary graduates and supported by Resonate.

Church Announcements

Bad weather policy: If there is a winter storm warning, blizzard warning, tornado watch or warning one (1) hour before a scheduled event that event will be cancelled. If the schools have cancelled, all activities at church will be cancelled. In all other cases, check WOODTV 8, woodtv.com, jq99.com, or the church's facebook page for information.

Habakkuk and Lament | We will begin a four week series on the book of Habakkuk on April 14th. There is a booklet on the back table that will help you prepare for this sermon series. Please take one.

Phone Number | Until further notice, please use my cell phone number if you need to contact me either by text, or call. My land line will be out of service for several days. 616-403-6116. Thanks, Pearl Huizenga.

Sharing the Gospel Workshop | Sharing the Gospel: Turn Everyday Encounters to Jesus Conversation. Introducing the Gospel into conversation can feel risky, awkward or difficult. This fun and interactive workshop is designed to help Christians become prepared and practiced in sharing a clear and simple Gospel model with anyone. Put on your bold as you celebrate your own journey with Jesus, and bring others along with you using confident and meaningful steps of practical life discipleship. Workshop will be at Drenthe CRC on Thursday April 25 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Church Calendar

Helping Hands will meet Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

Council will meet Tuesday, April 16, at 6:30 PM. The Elders and Deacons will meet separately following the conclusion of the Council Meeting.

Prayer Meeting | Each week members from First Church are invited to come and pray together at 11:00AM on Thursday. All are welcome. Meet at the office.

Informational Congregational Meeting | April 21st, following worship.

Congregational Meeting | May 5th, following worship.

Care and Prayer

Calling Elder | In need of prayer or a visit? David Wierda is the Calling Elder for April. His phone number is 616.953.0679.

Barb Walters had a bad fall on Easter afternoon. She broke her pelvis in 2 places, broke her hand, and had blood on the brain. She is now at Rest Haven Rehab Facility on 40th St. in Holland to undergo physical therapy and gain strength for an unknown period of time.

Joyce Mulder will be undergoing hand surgery on April 23rd. Please pray for a successful surgery and a speedy recovery.

Community Ann. Cont...

Unfading Truth | "This doctrine gives us *unspeakable comfort*." What a tremendous promise our Confession makes to us as it teaches us "that nothing can happen to us by chance, but only by the arrangement of our gracious heavenly Father." Experience this *unspeakable comfort* this week as we read what the Bible says about God's providence at UnfadingTruth.org. (If you're still not getting a daily reminder, what are you waiting for? Sign up today!)

Parkview Clay Shoot Fundraiser | 6th Annual Parkview AFC Home Sporting Clay Shoot Fundraiser at Blendon Pines, Zeeland on **Saturday, April 20, 2024** at 8:30 am. Sponsor (\$150) and Shooter (\$50-Adult - \$35 student under 16) Registration forms are available, call Terry Boerman at 616-886-8299.

Thank You

I want to thank you all for the care package! It was a very nice surprise and I feel very grateful for my family at First Church. All of the kind words and snacks mean a lot to me as I finish up my masters degree in Wisconsin! Thanks again, **Jonathan Kollen**

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for all the cards and candy you sent me. Your kindness means a lot to me and makes me realize I have such caring people that support me. I feel blessed to be part of such a thoughtful congregation. Thanks again for everything! **Nathan Kollen**